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1. SEYMOUR FIELD RUNWAY SPECS AND NAVIGATION AIDS ARE CONTAINED IN DOD FLIGHT INFORMATION PUBLICATION. THE AIRFIELD HAS NO REFUELING CAPABILITY WITHOUT PRIOR ARRANGEMENT, AND EVEN THEN CAPABILITY IS LIMITED AS FUEL MUST BE TRANSPORTED TO SEYMOUR BY SHIP IN 50 GAL. BARRELS. SIMILARLY, THERE ARE NO OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS AT THE FIELD ITSELF. NEAREST ACCOMODATIONS ARE AT PUERTO AYORA, A FORTY MINUTE TRIP BY FERRY AND VEHICLE. AGAIN, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE FOR TRANSPORTATION AS REGULAR TRANSPORTATION ONLY MEETS THE WEEKLY COMMERCIAL FLIGHT.

2. CLEARANCES FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN ECUADOREAN WATERS (200 MILES FROM MAINLAND AND SURROUNDING GALAPAGOS) MUST BE APPROVED BY THE NAVY, WHICH OPERATES ECUADOR'S NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE (INOCAR), AND THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. THE GOE IS VERY RESTRICTIVE IN GRANTING SUCH CLEARANCES AND STUDIES REQUESTS MINUTELY. THE GOE ALSO MAY INSIST ON PLACING ONE OR TWO NAVAL OFFICERS OR SCIENTISTS WITH SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITIONS OPERATING IN
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ECUADOREAN WATERS.

3. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY RECOGNIZES THAT LOCATION OF GALAPAGOS ISLANDS WOULD MAKE SEYMOUR FIELD A PERFECT TEMPORARY BASE, THAT LOCATION ALSO PRODUCES AN ISOLATION WHICH RAISES SERIOUS QUESTION WHETHER SEYMOUR WOULD BE ADEQUATE BASE. SWFC WOULD HAVE TO ARRANGE OWN TRANS-

PORTATION TO AND FROM PUERTO AYORA AND LODGING THERE.
IT WOULD HAVE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE EC NAVY TO
HAVE SHIP AND AIRCRAFT FUEL SHIPPED TO SEYMOUR (THERE
IS A DOCK ADEQUATE FOR QUITE LARGE VESSELS 2 KILOMETERS FROM
THE AIRSTRIP), AND THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE NAVY
COULD MEET THE NEEDS OF A TWO SHIP/TWO AIRCRAFT RESEARCH
FORCE. ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FOR SWFC TO CONTACT THE
DARWIN FOUNDATION, A SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION-SUPPORTED
RESEARCH UNIT PERMANENTLY LOCATED AT PUERTO AYORA. ALTHOUGH
EMBASSY IS UNAWARE WHETHER THE FOUNDATION HAS EVER BEEN
APPROACHED WITH SUCH A REQUEST, OR EVEN IF IT WOULD
CONSIDER ONE, IT COULD ASSIST WITH BOTH TRANSPORTATION,
LODGING AND SUPPLIES.

3. EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST SWFC IN OBTAINING
NECESSARY CLEARANCES, BOTH FOR USE OF SEYMOUR AS
TEMPORARY BASE, IF SWFC DECIDES TO PROCEED ALONG THOSE
LINES, AND FOR PORTION OF RESEARCH PROGRAM WHICH WILL
TAKE PLACE IN ECUADOREAN WATERS. PAST EXPERIENCE INDICATES
THAT EMBASSY CONTACT WITH EC NAVY MEANS FASTER PROCESSING
OF CLEARANCES THAN WHEN INSTITUTIONS ATTEMPT TO SEEK
CLEARANCES INDEPENDENTLY. IN ORDER TO PROCEED TO SEEK
CLEARANCES, EMBASSY WILL HAVE HAVE: FAIRLY DETAILED
DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH PROGRAM; NUMBER AND IDENTIFICATION
OF SCIENTISTS AND CREWMEMBERS; DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF
RESEARCH VESSELS (BOTH AIR AND SEA) INCLUDING DRAFT, BEAM,
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LENGTH, ETC; DURATION OF RESEARCH PROGRAM; AND ANY OTHER
PERTINENT INFORMATION. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE
MAXIMUM LEADTIME POSSIBLE. CLEARANCE PROCESS CAN TAKE
TWO MONTHS OR BETTER, PARTICULARLY WHEN A COMPLICATED
OR LONG RESEARCH PROJECT IS INVOLVED.
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